

Deans Council Minutes
February 21, 2005

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Jerald Ainsworth (for Gregg Boring), Frances Coleman, Lou Capella (for Sara Freedman), Jerry Gilbert, Bob Karr, Nick Nichols, Phil Oldham, Ruth Prescott, Donna Reese (for Kirk Schulz), Vance Watson, Jim West, and Peter Wood. Also present were: Mark Binkley, Butch Stokes, Gary Pike, and Charles Guest.

1. Academic Operating Policies:
 - **AOP 11.13 -- Winter Intersession**: Dr. Gilbert reported that after discussion with Mr. Guest, legal counsel, all reference to 12-month faculty has been deleted. After motion to accept and second, there was much discussion concerning advice from legal counsel, 12-month faculty, supplemental pay, and contracts. A motion to table did not receive a second. Dr. Gilbert will check to see if Ole Miss has a policy on intersession. After more discussion, the policy was approved, with two Deans Council members opposing.
 - **AOP 12.36 -- Repeat Policy**: This revised policy brings the old policy in line with the Academic Forgiveness Policy. After some discussion, the policy was unanimously approved.
2. Dr. Gilbert distributed flyers concerning the Excellence in Teaching Seminar hosted by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences on March 7th. This seminar is open to the academic community. Please notify your department heads and faculty and respond to Dr. Kirk Swortzel if planning to attend. This may be helpful for faculty who are going up for promotion and tenure.
3. Dr. Rabideau items:
 - Recently shared additional materials pertaining to promotion and tenure. Recommendations will probably go to the President within the next two weeks.
 - Sabbatical leave applications sent to the President have been approved and will appear on the next IHL Board agenda.
 - Faculty Senate has expressed concern about communication. Dr. Rabideau stressed that deans should share information with department heads and then that information should be shared with faculty. A meeting of the Provost with Deans and Department Heads is scheduled for February 28 at 3:00 PM in the Library Auditorium.
4. Vice President Scanes items:
 - Distributed information on performance metrics for research funding. If Deans have suggested revisions, please contact Dr. Scanes.
 - Distributed a draft of Overhead Return and Distribution. A committee will review this.

- Requested that he receive copies of evaluation of center directors who are part of the division of research.
 - Reported that research funding at the university has exceeded \$190 million for the last fiscal year.
 - It is important that we recruit and retain the best possible faculty. If the Office of Research can help in any way, please let us know.
5. Other items:
- Meridian: Riley Center gave additional \$2 million for Riley Center. This will enable us to finish the building and upgrade the technology.
 - CALS: The Excellence in Teaching Seminar on March 7th is open to all.
 - Faculty Senate: Roundtable is scheduled for April 2. The agenda will include issues related to MSU's online teaching mission.
 - Institutional Research: (1) Please submit the faculty accomplishments to our office as soon as possible. (2) We ask that the deans send an e-mail to students encouraging them to fill out the national survey of student engagement that will be received this week. Pike will send a message to deans concerning this.
 - Forest Resources: We have a young scientist, who is on second year of post doc, who received a \$5.5 million NSF grant in the biotech program.
 - Library: On March 3, we will have a program on scholarly communication and publication, from ARL. Information will be forthcoming shortly.
 - Architecture, Art, and Design: (1) Interior Design students and faculty are now located in Etheredge. (2) The dedication of the Carl Small Town Center was a very nice ceremony. Mr. Carl enjoyed it.
 - Engineering: (1) Engineering week was last week and the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. (2) *USA Today* ran a photo from the events.
 - Registrar: Beginning today, master schedules for summer and fall 2005 are on the faculty web for departmental review. The first registration event will be March 10.
 - Business and Industry: We met with architects on the addition to McCool Hall and the tentative starting date is August 15.
 - Arts and Sciences: (1) We had a positive visit last week from 55-60 bright young minority students from Lanier High School. This as in reference to the Algebra project. (2) The Math Domain is now under construction on first floor of Allen Hall. We hope to have it complete in August. (3) Last week, we began a faculty development series for Arts and Sciences new faculty. This was a luncheon discussion based on P&T.